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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/135 of 19 December 1994, 50/128 of 20 December 1995, 55/284 of 7 September 2001, 57/294 of 20 December 2002 and 58/237 of 23 December 2003 concerning the struggle against malaria in developing countries, particularly in Africa,

Bearing in mind the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council relating to the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular resolution 1998/36 of 30 July 1998,

Taking note of the declarations and decisions on health issues adopted by the Organization of African Unity, in particular the declaration and plan of action on the "Roll Back Malaria" initiative adopted at the Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, held in Abuja on 24 and 25 April 2000,[1] as well as decision AHG/Dec.155 (XXXVI) concerning the implementation of that declaration and plan of action, adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-sixth ordinary session, held in Lomé from 10 to 12 July 2000,[2]

Also taking note of the Maputo Declaration on Malaria, HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Other Related Infectious Diseases, adopted by the Assembly of the African Union at its second ordinary session, held in Maputo from 10 to 12 July 2003,[3]

[1] See A/55/240/Add.1.
[2] See A/55/286, annex II.
[3] A/58/626, annex I, Assembly/AU/Decl.6 (II).

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Recognizing the linkages in efforts being made to reach the targets set in the Abuja Summit as necessary and important for the attainment of the "Roll Back Malaria" goal and the targets of the United Nations Millennium Declaration[4] by 2010 and 2015, respectively,

Also recognizing the urgent need for scaling up national malaria control programmes if African countries are to meet the intermediate target set by the Abuja Summit for the five-year period of 2000-2005,

Further recognizing that malaria-related ill health and deaths throughout the world can be eliminated with political commitment and commensurate resources if the public is educated and sensitized about malaria and appropriate health services are made available, particularly in countries where the disease is endemic,

Emphasizing the importance of implementing the Millennium Declaration, and welcoming in this connection the commitment of Member States to respond to the specific needs of Africa,

Commending the efforts of the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund and other partners to fight malaria over the years, including the launching of the Roll Back Malaria Partnership in 1998,

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the World Health Organization,[5] and calls for support for the recommendations contained therein;

2. *Calls upon* the international community to continue to support the "Roll Back Malaria" partner organizations, including the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund, as vital complementary sources of support for the efforts of malaria-endemic countries to combat the disease;

3. *Appeals* to the international community to ensure increased support for bilateral and multilateral assistance to combat malaria, including support for the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, in order to assist in the development of sound national plans to control malaria in malaria-endemic countries and their implementation in a sustained and equitable way that, inter alia, contributes to health system development;

4. *Urges* malaria-endemic countries to increase domestic resource allocation to malaria control;

5. *Encourages* all African countries that have not yet done so to implement the recommendations of the Abuja Summit[1] to reduce or waive taxes and tariffs for nets and other products needed for malaria control, both to reduce the price of nets to consumers and to stimulate free trade in insecticide-treated nets;

6. *Calls upon* malaria-endemic countries, in particular those in sub-Saharan Africa, to establish and strengthen policies and programmes to ensure a rapid scale-up in the coverage by insecticide-treated nets to at least 60 per cent of those at risk wherever that is the vector-control method of choice, by applying expeditious approaches, including targeted free or highly subsidized distribution to vulnerable groups;

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[4] See resolution 55/2.

[5] See A/59/261.

7. *Expresses its concern* about the increase in resistant strains of malaria in several regions of the world;

8. *Encourages* all Member States experiencing resistance to conventional monotherapies to replace them with combination therapies, as recommended by the World Health Organization, in a timely manner;

9. *Recognizes* the importance of the development of effective vaccines and new medicines to prevent and treat malaria and the need for further and accelerated research, including through effective global partnerships such as the various malaria vaccine initiatives and the Medicines for Malaria Venture, where necessary stimulated by new incentive to secure their development;

10. *Reiterates* the need for expanded public-private partnerships for malaria control and prevention, and in this context urges petroleum companies operating in Africa to consider providing polymer for the manufacture of mosquito nets at reduced prices as a contribution to rolling back malaria in Africa;

11. *Calls upon* the international community to support investment in the development of new anti-malarial medicines and insecticides for the effective control of malaria in view of the challenging resistance of the parasite to anti-malarial medicines and the resistance of mosquitoes to insecticides;

12. *Also calls upon* the international community to support ways to expand access to artemisinin-based combination therapy for populations at risk of exposure to resistant strains of falciparum malaria in Africa, including the commitment of new funds, innovative mechanisms for the financing and national procurement of artemisinin-based combination therapy and the scaling up of artemisinin production to meet the increased need;

13. *Further calls upon* the international community to support coordinated efforts to improve surveillance, monitoring and evaluation systems so as to better track and report changes in the coverage of recommended "Roll Back Malaria" interventions and subsequent reductions in the burden of malaria;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, developing countries and regional organizations, including the African Union, to conduct in 2005 an evaluation of the measures taken and progress made towards the achievement of the mid-term targets, the means of implementation provided by the international community in this regard and the overall goals of the Decade, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session;

15. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session on the implementation of the present resolution under the agenda item entitled "2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa".

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Addendum

Add the following countries to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution:

Dominica, Cameroon, Madagascar, Mali

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Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization

Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, Turkey and Ukraine: draft resolution

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 54/5 of 8 October 1999, by which it granted observer status to the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, as well as its resolutions 55/211 of 20 December 2000 and 57/34 of 21 November 2002, on cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization,

Recalling also that one of the purposes of the United Nations is to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social or humanitarian nature,

Recalling further the Articles of the Charter of the United Nations that encourage activities through regional cooperation for the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Recalling its Declaration on the Enhancement of Cooperation between the United Nations and Regional Arrangements or Agencies in the Maintenance of International Peace and Security, of 9 December 1994,[1]

Pointing out the fact that since its transformation into a regional economic organization with an international legal identity as from 1 May 1999, the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization has established itself as a reliable partner in boosting economic cooperation in the Black Sea region,

[1] Resolution 49/57, annex.

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Recognizing that any dispute or conflict in the region impedes cooperation, and stressing the need to solve such a dispute or conflict on the basis of the norms and principles of international law,

Convinced that the strengthening of cooperation between the United Nations and other organizations contributes to the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Recalling the report of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to resolution 57/34,[2]

1. *Welcomes* the statement issued in Istanbul on 25 June 2004 by the Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization member States on the contribution of the organization to security and stability, and encourages the ongoing process of considering ways and means of enhancing the contribution of the organization to security and stability in the region;

2. *Takes note* of the entry into force of the Additional Protocol to the Agreement among the Governments of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization Member States on Cooperation in Combating Crime, in Particular in its Organized Forms, done in Kyiv on 15 March 2002, as well as the imminent signature of the Additional Protocol on Combating Terrorism to the same Agreement;

3. *Welcomes* the activities of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization aimed at strengthening regional cooperation in various fields, such as trade and economic development, banking and finance, communications, energy, transport, agriculture and agro-industry, health care and pharmaceuticals, environmental protection, tourism, science and technology, exchange of statistical data and economic information, collaboration among customs services, and combating organized crime and the illicit trafficking of drugs, weapons and radioactive material, all acts of terrorism and illegal migration, or in any other related area;

4. *Welcomes also* the adoption of the Baku Declaration on energy cooperation in the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization region by the Ministers of Energy of the member States of the organization on 19 September 2003 and the Joint Declaration by the Ministers of Transport from the Black Sea and Caspian Sea region on 3 October 2003;

5. *Welcomes further* the operationalization and financing of the first projects by the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization Project Development Fund to the benefit of the sustainable development of the Black Sea region;

6. *Takes note* of the positive contribution of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization Business Council, the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank and the International Centre for Black Sea Studies to the strengthening of multifaceted regional cooperation in the Black Sea area;

7. *Welcomes* the Cooperation Agreement between the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, signed on 2 July 2001, and the support given by the Commission to

[2] A/59/303, part three.

the activities of the organization in the fields provided for in that Agreement, notably in small and medium-sized enterprises, energy and transportation policy development;

8. *Welcomes also* the collaboration between the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme based on the Cooperation Agreement signed in Istanbul on 20 February 2002;

9. *Further welcomes* the cooperation between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, as well as the financial support provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization in implementing the project on institutional strengthening to facilitate intraregional and interregional agricultural trade among Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization member States and other projects on trade promotion;

10. *Takes note* of the cooperation between the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and the World Bank and the World Trade Organization and the working contacts with the World Tourism Organization aimed at the sustainable development of the Black Sea region;

11. *Takes note also* of the importance attached by the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization to the strengthening of relations with the European Union, and supports the efforts of the organization to take concrete steps to advance this cooperation;

12. *Takes note further* of the cooperation established between the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and other regional organizations and initiatives;

13. *Invites* the Secretary-General to strengthen dialogue with the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization with a view to promoting cooperation and coordination between the two secretariats;

14. *Invites* the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to cooperate with the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization in order to continue programmes with the organization and its associated institutions for the achievement of their objectives;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

16. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-first session the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization".

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Add the following countries to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution:

Austria, Slovakia, Germany, Tunisia

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